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SUBJECT: TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS: RENEGOTIATION OF
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1. AT HIS REQUEST, TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL MET APRIL
4 WITH DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR NIMETZ. DISCUSSION COVERED
MANY POINTS REPORTED REFTEL (PARTICULARLY PARAGRAPH 4)
CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS DISCUSSED IN ANKARA
BY DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER.

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2. REGARDING TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS, NIMETZ STATED
HE UNDERSTOOD THEY WOULD BE GOING FORWARD IN NEAR FUTURE
AND RECALLED UNDERSTANDING WHICH TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAD WITH
UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM ON PROCEDURE, I.E. THAT PRO-
POSALS BE GIVEN TO WALDHEIM WHO WOULD THEN ARRANGE WITH
GREEK CYPRIOTS FOR INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, IF HE CONSIDERED

PROPOSALS TO BE SATISFACTORY BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. NIMETZ COMMENTED THAT WERE PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY WITHOUT GOING FIRST TO WALDHEIM, IT COULD HAVE UNFORTUNATE IMPACT ON UN ATTITUDE. NIMETZ ADDED THAT WHILE GREEK-CYPRIOTS MIGHT DECLARE NEW PROPOSALS INADEQUATE, MANY PEOPLE IN THE US AND AROUND THE WORLD WOULD BE EVALUATING THEM ON THEIR

MERITS, AND NOTED THAT LATELY EDITORIAL WRITERS IN THE AMERICAN PRESS HAVE BEEN QUITE SYMPATHETIC TOWARD THE TURKISH POSITION. WE BELIEVE THAT REASONABLE TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS WILL BE HELPFUL BOTH FOR THE RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND USG EFFORTS TO LIFT THE EMBARGO IN THE CONGRESS. NIMETZ EMPHASIZED THAT WE ARE NOT LINKING THESE PROPOSALS WITH THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO AND WHEN ASKED ABOUT TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS, WE HAVE REPLIED THAT WE HAVE NO COMMITMENTS FROM GOT. NO PROMISES HAVE BEEN MADE AND THE ADMINISTRATION'S AIM IS TO RESTORE OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY BY LIFTING THE EMBARGO. NIMETZ ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE EMBARGO AND NOW WERE GENERALLY RECEPTIVE TOWARD LIFTING IT, WERE LOOKING FOR SOME POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT TO JUSTIFY THEIR CHANGE OF VOTE.

3. ESENBEL ASKED WHEN NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW DCA WOULD BEGIN AND WHAT KIND OF A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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INCLUDED. NIMETZ STATED THAT HE HOPED THEY COULD BEGIN SHORTLY, THAT WE ARE NOW PREPARING OUR POSITION AND ARE HOPING TO SEND A TEAM OUT SOON. PRESSED BY ESENBEL FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE FINANCIAL ASPECT, NIMETZ EXPLAINED THAT WE ARE NOT YET SURE ON JUST HOW THIS WILL BE HANDLED, WHETHER IT MIGHT BE A SERIES OF AGREEMENTS, OR AS IN THE CASE OF KOREA, A SERIES OF TARGETS OVER A LONGER PERIOD AS AMBASSADOR SPIERS HAS SUGGESTED. IN ANY CASE, MORE WORK WILL HAVE TO BE DONE ON FORMULATION OF OUR POSITION. VANCE

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